

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of February 23, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Action, the rejection of apparatus claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 22 was maintained. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 12-21. In an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, all rejected claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 12-21 should proceed to issuance.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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